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## PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MAKOTO TOMITA ) : Examiner: Mark R. Milia  
Application No.: 09/986,254 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: November 8, 2001 ) :  
For: PRINT DATA PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS, PRINT :  
CONTROL METHOD, AND )  
PRINT CONTROL PROGRAM : April 23, 2007 (Monday)

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated January 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

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April 23, 2007  
Date of Signature